

APPROVED Minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Tuesday 10 March 2026 meeting at Carron Valley Hall

Officers in attendance

Peter Hayward, Chair, PH
Margaret Porter, MP
Morag Holdsworth, MH

Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec., DB
Phil White, PW

Jen Preston, elected rep, JP

Helen Bang, minute clerk, HB

Officers not in attendance

David Petch, DP

- 1 The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 1.2 Apologies – David Petch, police.
- 1.3 Declarations of interest for items on agenda - none.
- 1.4 Items raised by members of the public for inclusion – none.

- 2 Community Police report attached as Appendix I
- 2.1 No report received at the time of the meeting.
- 2.2 Theft of quadbike from Craigend Farm - not for the first time. The tracker was working but police were not interested in pursuing it.
Insurance for residents in the valley will increase because of the amount of thefts.

3. Minutes of February meeting
- 3.1 Query on item 12.1 - could there be an emergency fund for transport, grants group to be asked by MP. Similar to the hardship grants during Covid.
- 3.2 Proposed PH. Seconded DB. **ACTION HB** put on website and to DB for Stirling Council.
- 3.3 Matters arising
- 5.3 no date yet for CEO visit.
- 10.2 - PH emailed reply from Roads regarding verges of edge of roads.
- 10.3 - Passing places - there are only 3 designated passing places on the C10 but they do not currently have signs, these can be added. Signs cannot be erected at 'unofficial' places.
- 10.4 - new signage to be erected when budget permits. PH to draw their attention to the sign that has fallen over. **ACTION PH.**
- 12.2 - Community email list - to go in April newsletter. A box could go on grant application forms asking for consent to use emails.

- 4 Chair's report – PH
- 4.1 There is a serious pothole at the entrance to the hall.
- 4.2 Evelyn Tweed MSP had visited and discussed the care in the community issues in the area.
- 4.3 David McCaughie. - development manager Eurowind, has postponed his visit until April. **ACTION HB** put details of consultation on 1 April at the hall on Facebook.
- 4.4 There are concerns about the proposed location of the wind turbines. The height is now 180 metres instead of 200 but they are still considerably taller than existing turbines.
- 4.5 PH would like to step down as Chair, please think about other residents who may be interested in joining the CC.

- 5 Secretary's report – DB
- 5.1 Co-opting member - nominations are open until the end of March.

5.2 Local Place Plan - final version to be submitted next week.

6 Treasurer's report. Attached as Appendix II

6.1 £1127.51 balance 1 February. Less secretarial £50 fee for February
Income £519.92 - admin grant from Stirling Council.
Expenditure £559.29

7. Stirling Councillor's report

7.1 PH raised the issue of the Bins website - no cardboard calendars are being distributed. The calendars cannot be enlarged easily - an accessible version is required. JP pointed out that it was costing £40K to post these (different areas have different calendars.)
ACTION JP to request accessible version online.

7.2 Budget has been set. Parking and nursery fees still to be decided. Some money is going into Roads.

7.3 Council tax is increasing. JP has concerns about health/social care partnership, Sunday parking fees, additional childcare costs.

7.4 Oil price increases owing to war in Iran - prices have tripled in the last week. Also there have been thefts in the past and there are fears these could increase. Many residents in the area are dependent on oil for heating.

8 Valley Renewables Group report – MP

8.1 The Board did not meet in March.

8.2 MP gave an interview to someone from Stirling University about communicating with rural residents.

8.3 Hall - there was a water issue earlier in the year but it has now been sorted. Thanks to Robert Layton and Rob Ferguson for doing this.

8.4 Audiovisual system – it was intended to mount a large TV screen on one wall, but the weight and the cabinet and the shutter are a concern. An alternative would be a ceiling-mounted projector.

8.5 A safety management system is required to cover activities not covered under Fountains Forestry.

8.6 The Warm up/costs down grant is now fully allocated so has been closed until the next VRG financial year (July).

9 Woodland Group report - DB

9.1 14 March – wood fuel day. 11 April woodland volunteer day.

10 Roads report - PH

10.1 See Item 3 Matters arising items 10.2 and 10.3

11 Planning report - PH

11.1 The Filter station application was sent to MH as it regards North Third. It concerns access to the water - an overnight residential development planned, water activities, gorge walking etc. Perhaps for school activities.
MH hopes that the new people would maintain the area - litter picking, preventing anti-social behaviour etc.

PH has some concerns about traffic on the Polmaise Road but hopefully this will be covered in planning.

- 11.2 Currently there is only the option to object or approve. There should be the opportunity to raise issues, e.g. roads, without objecting. e.g. 'approve with these conditions.'
ACTION PH.
- 12 AOB
- 12.1 A grit bin has been blown over on Greathill Road. It was pointed out that there are some deep potholes so people should avoid puddles as it isn't clear how deep they are.
- 12.2 Flytipping on verges - sofa and near Craigenfelt and bagged rubbish on C10
ACTION PH report.
- 13 Date of next CC meeting at 7pm Tuesday 14 April at the Carron Valley Hall.
- 14 The meeting closed at 8:30pm
- 15 ACTIONS
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| 3.2 | Approved February minutes to DB and on website | HB |
| 3.3 | Road sign fallen over | PH |
| 4.3 | Cairnoch Wind Farm public meeting details to go on Facebook/website | HB |
| 7.1 | Bin calendar accessible version required online | JP |
| 11.2 | Option to 'approve with conditions' on planning applications | PH |
| 12.2 | Flytipping to be reported | PH |

Appendix I Police Report

Name of Community Council	10/03/2026 – Carron Valley Community Council
	Our priorities in the Carron Valley area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug misuse/Drug dealing, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.
Crime reports	Crime Reports for the Carron Valley area between 10/02/2026 – 09/03/2026
	There has been 3 Crime Report recorded for this period.
	All 3 are “enquiry ongoing”.
	2 relate to youths entering a disused building on 2 separate occasions.
	Total Crime Reports: 3
	999/101 CALLS
	There were 3 calls made to Police during the reporting period which included young people entering a disused building.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information

As the weather starts to improve and the nights get lighter, PCs Hunter and Goldie will endeavour to conduct increased patrols in the area when possible.

Feedback from meeting

Please e-mail any feedback/questions to PCs Goldie and Hunter at the new email address of:

StirlingCommunityPolice@scotland.police.uk

Appendix II Treasurer's Report

Carron Valley & District Community Council							
1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026							
Item	Date		cheque	Income	Expenditure	Total	Balance
Opening Balance		01/05/2025					£1,116.79
Secretariat;	14/05/2025	May 25 Minutes	216		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,066.79
Secretariat;	27/06/2025	June 25 Minutes	217		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,016.79
Secretariat;	27/06/2025	June 25 AGM	217		-£10.00	-£10.00	£1,006.79
Community Survey costs	28/06/2025	Maureen Berry; community survey	218		-£149.20	-£149.20	£857.59
Secretariat;	11/09/2025	September 25 Minutes	219		-£50.00	-£50.00	£807.59
Secretariat;	17/10/2025	October 2025 Minutes	220		-£50.00	-£50.00	£757.59
Stirling Council	13/10/2025	Admin Grant		£519.92		£519.92	£1,277.51
Dorothy Breckenridge	22/10/2025	Community Hall Booking Fees	221		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,227.51
Secretariat;	18/11/2025	November 2025 Minutes	222		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,177.51
Secretariat;	12/12/2025	December 2025 admin	223		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,127.51
Secretariat;	14/02/2026	February 2026 Minutes	224		-£50.00	-£50.00	£1,077.51
End Balance				£519.92	-£559.20	-£39.28	£1,077.51

Latest Bank Statement	01/02/2026
Statement End Balance	£1,127.51
Difference to bank statement	-£50.00
uncashed cheque 224	£50.00

Morag Holdsworth; Treasurer 09/03/2026